

LIFE OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

A Busy Career as an Author, Soldier and Statesman.

He is a New Yorker Born and Bred.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, the twenty-sixth President of the United States, has for some years been one of the most interesting figures in public life. He has been politician, statesman, author, soldier and public speaker. Mr. Roosevelt belongs to one of the oldest families in this country and for two centuries nine of the name and family have held prominent and important place in public life, philanthropy, finance, commerce and politics. He was born in New York City October 27, 1858, and was educated in private schools and at Harvard College. His father, whose name was the same, was a sugar refiner, a man of wealth and learning, but with little or no taste for public life. His mother was before her marriage a Miss Bullock, of Georgia, member of a famous family of Scotch descent. Her great-grandfather was the Revolutionary Governor of that State.

As a boy Theodore Roosevelt was sickly, hollow chested and rather undersized, but he possessed enormous nervous energy and early in life determined to become physically strong. When he entered Harvard College he went in for athletics and began a systematic course of training to build himself up.

Soon after leaving Harvard Mr. Roosevelt made a long trip through Europe, where he proceeded to do things and see things in his own way.

In 1881 Mr. Roosevelt returned to New York and entered politics. He was nominated and elected to the Assembly and was re-elected for two additional terms. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1884 and took a prominent part in the proceedings. In that year he retired



THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE AT OYSTER BAY, LONG ISLAND.

from active politics and, going West, bought a ranch on the Little Missouri River in Western Dakota. There he hunted big game, tried cattle raising and devoted his spare time to studying the country and the people and to literary work.

From boyhood, Mr. Roosevelt had been a close and interested student of American history. In 1881, when he entered politics, he wrote a history of the naval war of 1812. This was followed during his public career by lives of Thomas H. Benton and Gouverneur Morris, "Ranch Life and Hunt-

ing Trail," "Essays on Practical Politics," a "History of New York," "American Ideals," "The Wilderness Hunter," "Hero Tales from American History," "The Winning of the West," and later a life of Oliver Cromwell. In addition to these books he wrote extensively and on a variety of topics

for the leading magazines and reviews. Mr. Roosevelt did not remain out of politics. In 1886 he was the unsuccessful Republican candidate for



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Mayor of New York. After that experience he devoted himself for three years to ranch life, study and literature. In 1889 President Harrison appointed him a member of the national Civil Service Commission, a position he held until May, 1895.

In May, 1895, Mayor Strong appointed Mr. Roosevelt President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York.

In 1897 President McKinley appointed Mr. Roosevelt Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He provided shot and shell and enforced ceaseless practice and drill on the ships of the navy. From the time he entered the office he seemed to realize that war with Spain was inevitable, and he set himself to the task of getting the navy ready for that war.

When war was declared Mr. Roosevelt promptly determined to reach the front. He proposed to the President to raise a regiment of mounted men to be composed of men who knew how to ride and shoot. His offer was accepted, and at his suggestion, Dr. Leonard A. Wood, an army surgeon, was appointed Colonel of the regiment with Roosevelt as Lieutenant-Colonel. The Roosevelt Rough Rid-

ges of the convention and was elected.

When the Republican National Convention of 1900 met in Philadelphia, the demand for the nomination of Governor Roosevelt for Vice-President was irresistible.

Throughout his public career, which in a few short years has been crowded with more stirring events than usually fall to the lot of one man in a lifetime, Mr. Roosevelt's chief and almost only boast with his friends has been that he was first and always a family man.

President Roosevelt is happily married and his children not only love him, but make him their playmate and companion whenever he is with

them, which is every moment that his public duties will admit. He lives in a beautiful home just outside Oyster Bay, L. I., and his home life is in every way ideal. In this home he has a splendid library and many rare trophies of the hunt.

Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President, represents a high type of American womanhood. She was Miss Edith Kermit Carow and was born in New York City, of a well-to-do family. As

she has nice brown eyes, and she wears her brown hair parted and carried back loosely from her temples. She dresses with a simplicity that is becoming.

Mrs. Roosevelt will have the assistance of a charming girl, Miss Alice Roosevelt, when she takes up her social duties at the White House. Miss Roosevelt is about eighteen years old. She has been bridesmaid at the wedding of a Boston cousin, and on several other occasions has been seen in society, but she has not been introduced formally. That probably will be a White House affair.

President Roosevelt has two sisters who will be prominent in the new Administration circle. The older one, Mrs. Cowles, lives in Washington. She is the wife of Commander W. S. Cowles, of the American Navy.

Mrs. Douglas Robinson, the other sister of President Roosevelt, lives at No. 422 Madison avenue, New York City.

REMARKABLE SYSTEM OF IRRIGATION

An Effective Method Long in Vogue in India.

In India a simple yet effective method of irrigation has long been in vogue, but only recently has it attracted the attention of foreigners. The apparatus consists of a long, clumsily fashioned balancing pole, which is fastened at the middle to the fork of a tree. At one end of this primitive balance, which is as stout as an ordinary beam, is fixed another long pole, the lower end of which is sunk into a well and carries a large vessel made of baked clay. At the opposite end of this pole are two coolies, who are constantly in motion and thus form a living counter balance.

One after another they walk with great strides over the narrow pathway, passing with a mechanical yet a rhythmic and supple movement from one end of the pole to the other, and hardly touching a slender bamboo balustrade, which is within their reach and which is intended to serve as a guide. When they arrive at one end and are bowed down beneath the weight they know that at the other end the enormous vessel has been filled with water and raised to the surface of the ground. Large notches cut in the trees serve



as a ladder for the barefooted Indians, and render it easy for them to reach the tip of the pole at the moment when, having arrived at the end of its course, it is almost vertical. While they are making this ascent with incomparable agility another man empties the water from the enormous vessel into trenches by simply oscillating the vessel, after which the manoeuvre is repeated.

The work of the coolies is by no means so onerous as it seems, for pains are always taken to have the pole balanced correctly and of the proper weight, and in this way the task is much simplified. The weight of the coolies themselves is also taken into account, and there are cogs by means of which the balancing pole can be lengthened or shortened, as may be desired.

"This method of irrigation," says Dr. H. Sicard, a traveler, "is not applicable everywhere, since it is essential that the subsoil should be moist, and doubtless it is inferior to the methods employed in Europe. On the other hand, it has the advantage of being entirely appropriate to the economic and social conditions of India, for machinery there is scarce and expensive, and a man, though poorly paid, is still the most useful beast of burden."—New York Herald.

Rides His Old Wheel.

St. James street and Pall Mall have been startled the last two afternoons by the sight of a gentleman in a snow-white knickerbocker suit of flannels riding an old-fashioned bicycle with the large wheel in front and the small one behind. The rider, who is an American, philosophically remarks, and in so doing demolishes our ideas of English conservatism, that it is strange that doing the thing which you have done for twenty-five years should excite more comment than doing the thing which no one has done before. The gentleman started cycling in 1869, his last year in Yale College, at a time when, as he says, "the velocipede craze was at its height!" In 1876 he secured a bicycle, on which he rode 10,000 miles, when, in 1884, he discarded it for the present machine, which now glitters with some of the original nickel plate. On it he has ridden over 2000 miles, and sees no reason to discard it in favor of the more modern pattern. And if the spectacle amuses London, London's amusement, in its turn, amuses him.—London Chronicle.



AS A HUNTER AS A COWBOY

a girl she knew young Theodore Roosevelt. It has been said that a boy and girl sentiment existed between them before he went to college; but soon after his graduation from Harvard he married Alice Lee, of Boston. Miss Carow went abroad to supplement her education by a course of study and travel.

When Roosevelt had lost his girl wife and was seeking solace in a European trip, he met Miss Carow. When he returned to America they began a correspondence. Their engagement followed and they were married in 1880.

Between Alice Roosevelt—the only child of the first marriage—and her father's second wife there has always been the warmest affection; and her



MRS. THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

husband's sisters have been Mrs. Roosevelt's most intimate friends. Like her husband, Mrs. Roosevelt has a pronounced literary bent. She



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S CHILDREN.

ers was the result. He became Colonel on the promotion of Wood to be a Brigadier-General.

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NON-COMMITTAL HEALTH.

Robert—Oh, I suppose you're right, but he is so close-mouthed. instance, when I saw him yesterday, "How are you?" and he gave me an evasive answer. Richard—And what was that? Robert—He said, "How are you?" Boston Transcript.

THE EXPLANATION.

"You will excuse me for saying frankly," said the old friend, "it seems to me that your disposition becomes rather vacillating."

"Yes," was the answer, "it comes my having taken the weather conditions too seriously. I was completely keeping changing my mind until I got the habit of it."—Washington Star.

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